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-----at the same time, I want the legislative powers that we have the right to have, I don't want us to give any of them away. Now one of the troubles in the United States today, in Congress, is that because of confusion, lack of action, lack of enthusiasm, I guess, or whatever you want to call it, they have given away to the Executive power and now they are kicking about it. This Legislature has been giving the same thing away in the state of Nebraska. We've been giving away things because--that are rightfully ours in our own area and (inaudible) knows I don't know why. I guess it's the easiest way. I'm for--I've always been and am still at this moment a person that stands for checks and balances and for the three forms of government, I mean the three divisions of government, Judiciary, Executive, and Legislative. I think they all have powers and they should check, serve as checks on each other. At the present, the reason this Legislature is not thought more highly of by some people is because we've given everything away, that we're not--there is not much more we can give away. Now I am for, I am with you, Senator Marvel. I want to separate these powers. What's executive should go to Executive, what's legislative should go to Legislative and I am all for you providing there, of course, a demarcation of line that separates this under the constitutional way it is suppose to be.

SPEAKER: Are there any further comments? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think this has served a usefull purpose because as I understand the feeling of this body you want to take back those things which are yours. There is no use of complaining about what has happened because it has happened. The other day the Executive Council introduced a bill which is the first bill to start the process of doing exactly what you're complaining about. Number one, the bill says we are going to take away the revolving fund of DAS so they don't have any elasticity to the point of being able to do a lot of those things which are objectionable on the part of this body. It puts them on a cash basis. Now, there are other ideas which will be following, I hope and I believe that what you say here today you will follow through by giving your vote to take back those things which are ours and keep them. But without your vote, we are not going to do it and I think it should never have left in the first place but it did. These bills are now being prepared. The answer is going to be up to at least a majority of this body. At least thirty members, it might take.

SPEAKER: Are there further comments? If not, is there further business on the clerk's desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a Reference Committee report. Read. Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports--read. Mr. President, we have new bills.

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